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WORK ON BUDGET GOING WELL

TALLAHASSEE – The Legislature is working hard and moving forward on budget talks between the House and Senate. Due to the success of budget meetings between the House and Senate, Speaker Johnnie Byrd and President Jim King have agreed to allow negotiations to continue another 48 hours before their intervention.

"I am encouraged and optimistic by the progress made during the budget meetings between Representative Bruce Kyle and Senator Ken Pruitt." Speaker Byrd said today. "Representative Kyle and Senator Pruitt are working hard to ensure that the needs of Florida and its citizens are met and that our budget is as people-kind as it can be."

Any budget issues not agreed on in 48 hours will be bumped up to Speaker Byrd and President King to resolve.

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